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1. It is reported that the movement of troops along the Elbe has not been completed, but Soviet officer circles count on their being completed by 1 July. It is also reported that the Elbe line is to be further fortified. This information is confirmed by the fact that preparations are being made in most garrisons east of the Elbe to receive new troops, while troops have been almost completely withdrawn from territory west of the Elbe.
2. In the area of Wittenberg work has already begun on defense installations. Thus far, it has been ascertained that emplacements for heavy grenade throwers (mortars) have been prepared on the east side of the Elbe river along the railroad embankment that approaches the railroad bridge near Wittenberg. Three heavy grenade throwers of 120mm each are capable of throwing 1,000 shots a piece. ( Comment:   each position is composed of three 120mm mortars, each with 1,000 rounds of ammunition dumped near the gun site.)
3. The position is covered on every side by guns (machine guns ?) and always guarded by sentries. Five posts of the same kind have already been fortified within ten kilometers of the Elbe, and work has been started on others.

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